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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In accordance with Rule 1.121, a complete claim listing is presented below, including appropriate status identifiers. Changes in the amended claims are shown by strikethrough for deleted material, and by underlining for added material.

- 1-62. (Cancelled)
- 63. (Currently Amended) A method of forming particles, comprising: accelerating a first stream comprising a first liquid; and vibrating the first stream, to form particles; and solidifying the particles.

64-66. (Cancelled)

- 67. (Previously presented) The method of claim 63, wherein the particles comprise a pharmaceutical composition.
- 68. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 63 73, wherein the core comprises a pharmaceutical composition.
- 69. (Previously presented) The method of claim 63, wherein the accelerating comprises contacting the first stream with a second stream, and the second stream comprises a second liquid.
- 70. (Previously presented) The method of claim 69, wherein the second stream surrounds the first stream.
- 71. (Previously presented) The method of claim 63, wherein the accelerating comprises applying charge to the first stream.
- 72. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 71, wherein a second stream comprising a second liquid surrounding surrounds the first stream, and

the accelerating further comprises accelerating the second stream.

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73. (Previously presented) The method of claim 72, wherein the particles comprise a core and a shell.

- 74. (Previously presented) The method of claim 73, wherein the particles comprise a plurality of shells.
- 75. (Previously presented) The method of claim 63, further comprising forming the first stream by passing the first liquid through a nozzle.
- 76. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 72 75, wherein the nozzle has a diameter greater than 1/2 an average diameter of the particles.
- 77. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 73 <u>76</u>, wherein the nozzle has a diameter at least the average diameter of the particles.
- 78. (Previously presented) The method of claim 63, wherein the particles have an average diameter of at most 100 μ m.
- 79. (Previously presented) The method of claim 63, wherein the particles have an average diameter of at most 50 μ m.
- 80. (Previously presented) The method of claim 79, wherein the particles have an average diameter of 10 nm to 50 μ m.
- 81. (Previously presented) The method of claim 79, wherein the particles have an average diameter of 1 μ m to 50 μ m.
- 82. (Previously presented) The method of claim 63, wherein the particles have an average diameter of 50 to 100 μ m, and 90% of the particles have a diameter that is within 2% of an average diameter of the particles.
- 83. (Previously presented) The method of claim 63, wherein the particles have an average diameter of 1 to 50 μ m, and 90% of the particles have a diameter that is within 1 μ m of an average diameter of the particles.

- 84. (Previously presented) The method of claim 63, wherein the accelerating is a step for accelerating the first stream, and the vibrating is a step for vibrating the first stream.
- 85-91. (Cancelled)
- 92. (Previously presented) Particles, prepared by the method of claim 82.
- 93. (Previously presented) Particles, prepared by the method of claim 83.
- 94. (New) A method of forming particles, comprising:
 accelerating a first stream comprising a first liquid; and
 vibrating the first stream, to form particles;
 wherein the accelerating comprises contacting the first stream with a second
 stream, and the second stream comprises a second liquid.
- 95. (New) The method of claim 94, wherein the second stream surrounds the first stream.
- 96. (New) The method of claim 94, wherein the particles comprise a core and a shell.
- 97. (New) The method of claim 96, wherein the core comprises a liquid.
- 98. (New) The method of claim 97, wherein the particles comprise a plurality of shells.
- 99. (New) The method of claim 96, wherein the particles comprise a plurality of shells.
- 100. (New) The method of claim 94, further comprising forming the first stream by passing the first liquid through a nozzle.
- 101. (New) The method of claim 73, wherein the core comprises a liquid.
- 102. (New) The method of claim 101, wherein the particles comprise a plurality of shells.